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TAGS: SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT: (U) VISIT OF IAHRC - HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION'S  
PREPARATIONS AND CONCERNS

1. (ENTIRE TEXT).

2. AN INDEPENDENT TASK FORCE OF PERMANENT ASSEMBLY  
LAWYERS HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY DRS. CONTE-MACDONELL AND  
MIGNONE AND HAS BEGUN PREPARING A "WHITE PAPER" ON ALL ASPECTS  
OF THE ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION FOR THE IAHRC.  
THE PAPER WILL EMPHASIZE THE LACK OF LEGAL REMEDIES AND  
PROCEDURES TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA, THE VERY  
SAME ISSUE WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD GOVERNMENT MEMBERS FEEL  
THEY CAN BEST USE TO DEFEND THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS ARE OPENLY EXPRESSING CONCERN  
ABOUT THE ABILITY OF IAHRC TEAM TO ABSORB THE HUGE AMOUNT  
OF CASE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND ALSO TOOK INTO SUCH BROAD  
PRIORITY TOPICS AS CLANDESTINE PRISONERS, RIGHT TO TRIAL,  
PRISONER MISTREATMENT, TORTURE, AND THE THOUSANDS OF "DESAPARECIDOS"  
IN THE NINE OR TEN DAYS ALLOTTED FOR THE  
OAS GROUP'S STAY IN ARGENTINA. GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER  
OF DISAPPEARANCE CASES IN ARGENTINA (WHICH THE HUMAN  
RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS NOW UNIFORMLY ESTIMATE AT AROUND  
15,000), IF ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THOSE CASES WERE  
TO BE ACTUALLY DISCUSSED OR INVESTIGATED BY IAHRC MEMBERS  
WHILE HERE, THIS WOULD OCCUPY A MAJOR AMOUNT OF THE OAS  
TEAM'S TIME.

4. THE CURRENT FOCUS FOR THE IAHRC VISIT WITHING THE  
PERMANENT ASSEMBLY IS ON THE CLANDESTINE PRISONERS.  
ASSEMBLY MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE DETENTION AND  
INTERROGATION FACILITIES PRESENTLY IN OPERATION ARE  
LOCATED ON MILITARY BASES--AREAS WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE  
OFF LIMITS TO THE COMMISSION. ALTHOUGH THE ASSEMBLY  
ACTIVISTS DISCOUNT THE PROSPECT OF FIRSTHAND "DISCOVERIES"  
BY THE COMMISSION, THEY ARE HOPING THAT THE "THREAT" OF  
SITE VISITS WILL PUT PRESSURE ON THE ARMED SERVICES TO  
RECOGNIZE AND/OR RELEASE THE CLANDESTINE PRISONERS THEY  
ARE HOLDING. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL  
REPORTS OF THE CLOSING OF INTERROGATION FACILITIES--NAVY  
MECHANICS SCHOOL, "LA PERLA" AND "LA RIVERA" IN CORDOBA--  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THE LARGE NUMBERS OF  
SURVIVING PRISONERS RUMORED TO BE HELD BY THE MILITARY.

5. TO FACILITATE THE DISAPPEARANCE CASE WORK OF THE  
COMMISSION A PERMANENT ASSEMBLY TASK FORCE, WORKING  
IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS  
OF MAN AND THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
(MEDH), HAS PREPARED A LIST OF ALL THE DISAPPEARANCE  
CASES REPORTED TO THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS. AS OF  
JANUARY FIRST THE COMPUTERIZED LIST CONTAINED 4,497

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